## **Resolution Honoring**

## 1st Annual César E. Chávez Day at Lansing Community College

WHEREAS, In 2003, Lansing Community College founded the LUCERO Program which stands for Latinos Unidos Con Energia, Respeto, y Orgulllo/Latinos United with Energy, Respect and Pride. The LUCERO Program helps create a positive connection between students and the Lansing Community College faculty and staff. It helps students develop exceptional academic, leadership and professional skills while learning about celebrating diversity and culture; and

WHEREAS, The LUCERO Program is hosting its first César Chávez Day celebration to bring awareness of César Chávez and the migrant movement; and

WHEREAS, The César Chávez Celebration will share the rich history of "Si Se Puede" and the remarkable stories of students who were or still are migrant farm workers presently in college; and

WHEREAS, The celebration will host a student panel with students from Lansing Community College and Michigan State University to share stories of barriers and struggles they have overcome, as well as poetry readings that show the passion and inspiration that César Chávez provided; and

WHEREAS, Students, staff, and faculty from Lansing Community College and Michigan State University HEP and CAMP Programs, as well as Lansing High School students will be collaborating and attending this event; and

WHEREAS, The celebration will feature keynote speaker Mr. Alfonso Salais, Jr. Mr. Salais is a teacher at Everett High School as well as being a motivational speaker; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan recognizes the LUCERO Program and Lansing Community College for the coordination of this successful commemorative program to honor all of the accomplishments of César E. Chávez; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan asks all citizens to join together to pay tribute to the memory of César Chávez, an extraordinary American and great human being that this momentous occasion serves to reflect on.

Given under our hands on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, in the year of the Lord Two Thousand and eleven.

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